

REMARKS

The present application includes pending claims 1-53, all of which have been rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-15, 17-19, 21-26, 28-29, 40, 41, 43-48, 50 and 52-53 have been amended to clarify aspects of the inventions.

Claims 1-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0151621 ("McEvilly"). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons previously discussed during prosecution. Additionally, the Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to independent claims 1, 12, 23, 29, 40 and 46 render the rejections moot with respect to these claims and the claims from which they depend.

If this rejection is maintained, or if a new rejection is presented, the Applicants respectfully request specific citations to the references that disclose each and every claim limitation. The Applicants note that the Examiner merely mechanically cited McEvilly at "p.2, 46 to p. 3, 52; p. 15, 192 to p. 16, 198, and p.21. 262-263" as disclosing each and every single claim limitation in the Office Action May 30, 2007. Similarly, in the October 31, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner mainly relied on McEvilly at "p.3, 50; p. 11, 156 to p. 12, 161; and p. 27, 328" as disclosing just about every limitation of every claim. The Applicants respectfully request more specificity if the rejections are maintained. Indeed, the Applicants would greatly appreciate actual quotations from any reference that may be used to reject the claims. Further, it seems highly unlikely that the exact same quotation has equal applicability and relevance to 53 different claims.

In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding claims 1-53 and McEvilly that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. The Applicants expressly reserve the right, however, to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should become relevant by appearing in a rejection of any current or future claim).

The Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including the \$810 fee for the RCE and the \$460 fee for the two month extension, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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